

Client: Taunton Date: 04/30/19
Meeting Date: 04/30/2019 Prepared By: Mike Andrus / Bob Baglini
Meeting Location: Taunton DPW Job Number:
Meeting Topic: Taunton Bike Path/Solar Panels

ATTENDEES:

NAME	ADDRESS / AFFILIATION	NAME	ADDRESS / AFFILIATION
Bob Baglini	BETA Group, Inc.	Derek Hug	Stantec
Mike Andrus	BETA Group, Inc.	James Pfeiffer	Browne, Rowe, Richardson
Joe Federico	BETA Group, Inc.	Steve Cote	TMLP
Rick Reid	Lighthouse Land Survey	Craig Foley	TMLP


RECORD OF MEETING MINUTES:

I. Progress, schedule and discussion Items:

A. Survey

- 95% complete, including property lines
- Utilities and CSO area still need finalization.
- Lighthouse to re-locate "11-series" wetland flags noted missing by Stantec
- New updated Survey progress to be provided to team asap

B. Bike Path

- Path consultants have a route in mind.
- Remaining questions include parking area/trailhead at RR Ave, possible routing over aquaria pipeline.
 - a. BETA to provide contact information for Aquaria to Bike path team (Alfredo Andres)
 - b. BETA/Lighthouse to provide bike path team the easement documents for MassDOT rail and TMLP / Aquaria agreement
- Bike Path will terminate at the boat ramp on W. Water Street.
- Spur trail off bike path to the private graveyard is necessary. Survey to accommodate. Question as to whether access extends to gate or all the way into the graveyard.
- There is a large parcel adjacent to the river that the City now owns as part of a tax taking that may be useful as a terminus or a separate park.
- Phase 1 of the bike path is from W. Water St boat ramp to Cleary Flood Drive
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 Phase 2 will be from Cleary Flood drive, across TMLP property, along wetland line to RR Ave.
 - a. TMLP does not want the bike path to bisect their property. TMLP indicated the area must be as contiguous as possible for public safety and future infrastructure considerations. This means only option for bike path location



is along the wetland, behind the homes along Somerset Avenue, as close to the perimeter of property line as practical.

- Bike path limited to 5% grade for short stretches, 2% for longer distances, and is preferred maximum grade.
- Public meeting targeted for June 2019



- BETA asked if a parking area at the end of Phase 1 bike path could be situated near Cleary Flood Drive (just off Somerset Ave) with a separate access/curb cut to Somerset Avenue, which could minimize interaction with TMLP vehicle access along Cleary Flood, and provide a "trail head" for the Phase 1 portion of the bike path.
- FLAP grant being pursued by bike path project team to fund bike path construction.

C. WWTF – Effluent Recharge / Groundwater Disposal

- Groundwater disposal may not be necessary if USEPA and MassDEP allow additional flow through WWTF outfall.
- Brian Howes (UMass Dartmouth SMAST) has work to complete but needs to issue his report. Nothing happens with USEPA or MassDEP until that report is issued.
- BETA indicated bike path project should not wait for the effluent pipeline. If future pipeline construction affects bike path, it will be restored as required.

D. TMLP - Solar Panels

- Solar project is financially intertwined with effluent recharge project. Solar project only feasible if land clearing/tree removal and site work is completed as part of effluent system project.
- TMLP is committed to funding portion of bike path/access road, so long as solar fields/effluent project is confirmed. If no solar/effluent project is required, TMLP indicated it cannot commit to fund bike path in the Phase 2 Portion of bike path. TMLP will fund Phase 2 of bike path, if solar work / effluent project proceeds.



II. Next Steps

- A. Stantec will propose bike path routes to the following:
- Cleary Flood Drive (Phase 1 Bike path)
 - Railroad Ave (Phase 2 Bike Path)
- B. Areas will be identified where grading, etc. will be an issue along the Phase 2 bike path route.
- C. BETA will review proposed/finish grade in the solar field / effluent recharge area to see if that will alleviate any grading issues for the Phase 2 of the bike path.

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